



ASSOCIATION OF PROGRAM COORDINATORS IN RADIOLOGY

APCR NEWS: October 2001

Hello to all of you in the mighty APCR! I want to get out a newsletter before we get too far into recruiting. Our thoughts and prayers are with our New York and Washington colleagues following the recent attacks. I talked with Pat Clayton in NYC, who reports Bellevue handled the crisis well. Arnold Gittleson at AFIP tells me even he has trouble getting on base now!

APCR Website: Due to an impending ACGME site visit, Denyse Williams has stepped down as chair of the website committee, and Amy Richgels has bravely agreed to take on this assignment. We hope to have something posted in a few weeks. It will be located at the APDR website (www.apdr.org). A few basic items of information (membership application form, list of officers and committees) will be posted first. The committee will build on that as time allows. Amy will let us know when it's up. We must depend on the RSNA/APDR office to post it so we are somewhat dependent on their timetable. Good luck to Denyse on her first site visit!

Membership Dues: We are currently in the midst of collecting membership dues for the first time. Second notices were recently mailed from the APDR office so if you have not yet paid your dues, I encourage you to do so. (APDR mails meeting registration packets to members only.) The latest figures I have are that 60 of our 90+ members have paid their dues. This means that for the first time in our brief history, the APCR has some money—a novel experience! Lori Dyar, chair of the membership committee, recently mailed recruitment letters to all program coordinators who have not yet joined APCR. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please let them know about us, or send the information to Lori so she can contact them.

Phoenix Meeting: The next meeting will be held in Phoenix April 17-20, 2002. Topics on the preliminary schedule include departmental infrastructure of residency programs and core competency requirements. Keep in mind that the more attendance we have at our meetings and the more funds we generate through membership dues and registration fees, the more influence we will have on future program scheduling, resulting in a stronger program for the APCR. Sherry Bucholz and the program committee are hard at work on the Phoenix program right now, which must be finalized soon. The final schedule of APCR events will be included in the registration packets, and Sherry will distribute more detailed information later on. As usual, we will have a business meeting in Phoenix with time for members to ask questions, express concerns, and make suggestions. I encourage all of you to be thinking about projects you would like the APCR to pursue, services you would like APCR to offer, and the direction you would like our organization to take. The APCR is for all of us, and we want everyone to have a voice. I look forward to seeing all of you in Phoenix. Long live the APCR!

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